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Simhat Torah Honorees: Wallace Chavkin, Ellen A. Harrow and Leslie W. Agisim



Wallace Chavkin



Ellen A. Harrow



Leslie W. Agisim

At the beginning of each New Year, during the Festival of Simhat Torah, it is a Park Avenue Synagogue tradition to honor three of its members who have made special contributions to our synagogue and to the Jewish community. In keeping with this tradition, this year, during the Simhat Torah service on Sunday morning, October 6, 1996, Park Avenue Synagogue will honor three such special congregants: Wallace Chavkin, Ellen A. Harrow and Leslie W. Agisim.

Wallace Chavkin will be called to the Torah as Hatan Torah; Ellen A. Harrow as Kallah Mafteret; and Leslie Agisim as Hatan Bereishit.

Following the service which begins at 9:15 A.M., the congregation will be invited to a buffet luncheon and reception on the Lower Level in honor of the honorees and their families.

Wallace Chavkin

Wallace Chavkin and his wife, Esta, of 51 years, have been members of Park Avenue Synagogue for ten years now. Wallace is a current member of the Board of Trustees and has served on the Finance Committee and the recent Search Committee for our new rabbi.

Mr. Chavkin also serves on the Board of Overseers of the Rabbinical School of the

Jewish Theological Seminary, the Board of Trustees of the Jewish Braille Institute and recently became a member of the Board of Trustees of the Horace Mann School.

He is chairman and chief executive officer of the Biddle Sawyer Corporation and its affiliate, Enzyme Development Corporation.

A lifelong New Yorker, Wally is a 1946 graduate with a B.S. degree from the Columbia University College of Pharmacy. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was honorably discharged and awarded the Bronze Star for his distinguished service in the medical corps.

In joyful celebration of significant milestone events in their lives, Wally and Esta have presented Park Avenue Synagogue with important gifts: first, a Torah breastplate, crown and yad in honor of the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Peter, and last year, a Torah in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Esta and Wally have a daughter, Carol, and a son, Jeffrey, who is married to Kathy, and three grandchildren: Peter, Jessica and Arielle—all of whom attend the Park Avenue Synagogue religious school.

Deeply devoted to his family, especially his grandchildren, Wally also finds time for pho-

tography, painting in watercolor and drawing.

Given Wally's contributions both to the Park Avenue Synagogue and to the Jewish community, it is, indeed, a privilege to honor him as Hatan Torah this Simhat Torah. We look forward to his continuing involvement with both our congregation and the Jewish community, as well as many more years of marriage, in happiness and good health, to Esta, with whom he says "51 years have not been long enough!"

Ellen A. Harrow

Ellen A. Harrow and her husband, Bill, also have been members of Park Avenue Synagogue for the past ten years, during which time Ellen has been actively involved with the synagogue's nursery and Hebrew schools. She served as president of the Hebrew School Parents' Association from 1993 to 1995 and is currently a member of the School Board.

A lifelong New Yorker, Ellen is a graduate of the City College of New York, 1969, and of St. John's Law School, 1973. She served as a federal prosecutor from 1973 to 1978; then as counsel for the Westvaco and Lorillard Corporations from 1978 to 1991. She has been in private practice since 1991.

Ellen and Bill have three children: two sons, Cassel Shapiro, 16, and Daniel Harrow, 9, and one daughter, Elizabeth Harrow, 7, all of whom attended the Park Avenue Synagogue nursery and religious schools. Ellen is the daughter of Helene Agres, also a

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A DIALOGUE

"JEWISH-CHRISTIAN RELATIONS 1996"

Under the Sherr Institute
of Adult Jewish Studies

His Eminence John Cardinal O'Connor
Rabbi Professor Arthur Hertzberg
Chaired by Rabbi David H. Lincoln

Wednesday, September 4, 1996

7:30 P.M.

Reception to follow.

F R O M T H E

Rabbi's Desk

In the course of an article about the true meaning of the High Holy Days, Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks pointed out that Kol Nidrei is not strictly speaking a prayer. In fact, it is a legal formula for the release of oaths we have made or are going to make to God.

From the eighth century onwards, there was rabbinic opposition to it, for obvious reasons. Better, as the Torah says, not to vow at all than to promise and not fulfill. And although Jewish law recognizes situations in which a vow can be annulled, to do so for a whole community is another matter.

Since the Jewish-Christian disputation in Paris in 1240, Kol Nidrei was cited by non-Jewish critics as evidence that the word of a Jew could not be trusted. Patiently, Jews explained that the prayer had nothing to do with promises between people. But the charge persisted. Why, then, did Kol

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SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES for SEPTEMBER, 1996

Friday evening, September 6 6:15 P.M.
Saturday morning, September 7 9:15 A.M.
Havurah Service 9:15 A.M.
Tot Shabbat 11:15 A.M.

Bat Mitzvah of Julie Cohen

daughter of Ms. Marsha Silver and Mr. Herbert S. Cohen

Selihot Service

Saturday evening, September 7 10:00 P.M.

ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Friday evening, September 13 5:45 P.M.

First Day of Rosh Hashanah

Saturday morning, September 14 8:30 A.M.

Saturday evening, September 14 5:45 P.M.

Second Day of Rosh Hashanah

Sunday morning, September 15 8:30 A.M.

Friday evening, September 20 6:15 P.M.

Saturday morning, September 21 9:15 A.M.

Havurah Service 9:15 A.M.

Shabbat Shuvah

Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Jane Wilson

daughter of Jean and Richard Wilson

YOM KIPPUR SERVICES

Minhah Service

Sunday afternoon, September 22 1:30 P.M.

Kol Nidre

Sunday evening, September 22 6:30 P.M.

Yom Kippur

Monday morning, September 23 9:00 A.M.

Yizkor Memorial Service

Monday afternoon, September 23 3:00 P.M.

SUKKOT SERVICES

Erev Sukkot

Friday evening, September 27 6:15 P.M.

Followed by Congregational Shabbat and Sukkah Dinner

(By Advance Reservation Only)

First Day of Sukkot

Saturday morning, September 28 9:15 A.M.

Hashkama Service 7:30 A.M.

Bat Mitzvah of Nina Tamar Edelman

daughter of Raja and Isaac Fuchs

(daughter of the late Alexander Edelman)

Saturday evening, September 28 5:45 P.M.

Second Day of Sukkot

Sunday morning, September 29 9:15 A.M.

Hashkama Service 7:30 A.M.

Sunday evening, September 29 5:45 P.M.

Hoshanah Rabbah

Friday morning, October 4 6:30 A.M.

Shemini Atzeret

Friday evening, October 4 6:15 P.M.

Saturday morning, October 5 9:15 A.M.

Hashkama Service 7:00 A.M.

Tot Shabbat 11:15 A.M.

Bat Mitzvah of Lily Davis Snyder

daughter of Tina and James Snyder

Yizkor Memorial Service

Erev Simhat Torah

Saturday evening, October 5 5:45 P.M.

Simhat Torah

Sunday morning, October 6 9:15 A.M.

Honoring Wallace Chavkin, Ellen A. Harrow and Leslie W. Agisim

Hashkama Service 7:00 A.M.

Rabbi David H. Lincoln, Rabbi Elana Zaiman and Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Yaacov Ephron and the Synagogue High Holy Days Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

Babysitting for children 2 to 5 years of age is available every Saturday morning from 9:15 A.M. to 12 Noon.

From The Rabbi's Desk

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Nidrei survive?

One suggestion is that it had its origins in the forced conversion of Spanish Jews to Christianity under the Visigoths in the 7th century. These Jews, the first Marranos, had publicly abandoned their faith rather than face torture and death. But they remained Jews in secret. On Yom Kippur, they made their way back to the synagogue and prayed to have their vow of conversion annulled.

Certainly, some such reason lies behind the declaration immediately prior to Kol Nidrei in which the leaders of prayer solemnly grant permission "by the authority of the heavenly and earthly court" for "transgressors" to join the congregation in prayer. This was a lifting of the ban of excommunication against Jews who, during the year, had been declared to have placed themselves outside the community.

That, surely, is the significance of Kol Nidrei in the history of the Jewish soul. It is the moment when the doors of belonging are opened, and when those who have been estranged return.

That, on this night of nights, is what Jews do. The synagogue is full of the faces of those who rarely visit it. During the year-albeit less dramatically than our medieval predecessors-we may have been Marranos, hidden Jews. We have worn other masks and carried different identities. But tonight the music of Kol Nidrei has spoken to us and we have said: "Here is where I belong. Among my people and its faith. I am a Jew."

- Rabbi David H. Lincoln

OCTOBER 27, 1996

Second Annual Park Avenue Synagogue

MITZVAH SUNDAY

Your chance to do another mitzvah!
Mark the Date! Volunteer! Participate!

For further information, please call
either Lite Sabin (628-2863) or
Joann Rosoff (348-4531).

Rabbi Lincoln's Appointment

Rabbi David H. Lincoln was appointed by Governor George Pataki and the New York State Department of Agriculture to the Kosher Law Enforcement Advisory Board for a term to expire May 15, 1998.

Honorees

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member of Park Avenue Synagogue, whom Ellen proudly credits as being her role model!

In addition, Ellen volunteers at both P.S. 6, where she teaches art history, and at the Horace Mann High School; she has been president of her cooperative building's tenants' corporation since 1988.

We are grateful for Ellen's involvement with our religious school and School Board and hope she will continue to give of her time and intelligence for many more years!

Leslie W. Agisim

Leslie W. Agisim and his wife, Judith, have been members of Park Avenue Synagogue for twelve years. They have one son, Taylor, who attended the Park Avenue Synagogue religious school and was bar mitzvah last June.

Over the years, Les has served as a past president and current chairman of the Men's Club, as an usher for High Holy Day and Shabbat services, and on the Shabbat Dinner Committee. Currently, he is a member of the Board of Trustees of the synagogue and on several committees: the Ritual, the Kol Nidre Appeal and the Adult Education Committee.

Les is founder and president of Trevor, Cole, Reid and Monroe, Inc., a securities and investment banking firm registered with the NASD and SEC. He is also chief executive officer of TCRM Advisors, Inc., a licensed mortgage banking firm in the State of New Jersey, and a mortgage broker registered with the New York State Banking Department. Additionally, he is a principal of TC Advisory Services, an investment advisory company registered with the SEC and advisor to the Board of Directors of WelCare International, a leading long-term health care management company. He is also on the board of his cooperative building.

Originally from Maplewood, N.J., he earned a B.S. degree with a major in accounting from American University in 1967. He then pursued a post-graduate program at Long Island University, with emphasis on financial management.

A tennis enthusiast, he is a member of the East Hampton Indoor/Outdoor Tennis Club and the Roosevelt Island Racquet Club, and especially proud of his recent trophy for winning the latter club's Morning Singles Championship.

We applaud Les for being honored as Hatan Bereishit this year, and hope his involvement at Park Avenue Synagogue will continue for many more years!

Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern Joins Park Avenue Synagogue

This past August, Park Avenue Synagogue added another rabbi to its staff of clergy, Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern, who has come to us from Beth El Congregation of the South Hills, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where he was the rabbi for the past six years. Prior to this position, Rabbi Stern had served for a total of nine years as assistant rabbi, later promoted to



associate rabbi and then to rabbi of The Park Synagogue of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, where he first served after obtaining ordination from The Jewish Theological Seminary in June, 1981.

Originally from New York City, Kenneth Stern attended The Bronx High School of Science. He earned joint B.A. degrees in political science and talmud and rabbinics from Columbia University and The Jewish

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Selihot Service Saturday, September 7

It is traditional for Jews to listen to a lecture and recite penitential prayers on the Saturday evening before Rosh Hashanah. This is done to prepare both intellectually and spiritually for the High Holy Days. This preparation will take place at the Selihot service on Saturday evening, September 7, 1996.

A coffee hour which usually precedes this annual lecture and service will be held at 8:15 P.M. This year, the lecture, to begin at 9 P.M., will be given by Professor Maoz from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem who recently published a book on Syria. He will speak about Syria and the possibilities for peace in the Middle East.

The usual Chorale Meditation will take place at 9:45 P.M., followed by the actual Selihot service at 10 P.M. Cantor David Lefkowitz and the synagogue High Holy Day Choir, directed by Neil Robinson, will chant the traditional Selihot liturgy, with prayers led by Rabbi David H. Lincoln. This is truly one of the most beautiful and meaningful services of the entire liturgical year.

In Celebration of the High Holy Days

IN OUR HOMES

Rosh Hashanah

Rosh Hashanah is both a solemn and a festive occasion. Its joy is spiritually disciplined by the sacred traditions of home and synagogue. Although the observance of the High Holy Days is centered in the synagogue, it is in the home where family members prepare to meet the New Year in a spirit of faith and in a mood conducive to prayer and soul-searching.

White is thought of as the color which symbolizes purity and joy. Thus the table is set with a white tablecloth and flowers, candles and wine. Round hallot, symbolizing a full round year, apples and a dish of honey for a sweet year complete the symbolic representations on the holiday table.

The family gathers together for the lighting of the candles and kiddush which precede the festive meal on both nights of Rosh Hashanah. The following blessings are recited over the candles:

Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh Haolam, asher kideshanu bemitzvotav vetzivanu lehadlik ner shel Yom Tov.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, whose mitzvot add holiness to our lives and who gave us the mitzvah to kindle light for the Festival.

Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh Haolam, shebeheyenu vekiyemanu vehigyanu lazman hazeh.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has kept us in life, preserved us, and enabled us to reach this season.

After the Rosh Hashanah kiddush, the Motzi is recited over the round hallah:

Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh Haolam, hamotzi lehem min ha-aretz.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.

Then all the members of the family dip the apple in honey and recite the following blessing and prayer:

Yehi ratzon milefanekhab Adonai Eloheinu v'Elohei avoteinu, shetehadesh aleinyu shanah tovah umetukah.

May it be Thy Will, O Lord our God, to renew unto us a happy and sweet New Year.

After the morning services of Rosh Hashanah, a festive meal is also eaten, preceded by the daytime kiddush and the Motzi:

Tiku vahodesh shofar, bakeseh l'yom hagenu,

kibok l'Yisraelhu, mishpat l'Elohey Yaaqkov.

Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh Haolam, borei pri hagafen.

The greeting on Rosh Hashanah is L'Shanah Tovah Tikatavu — May you be inscribed for a good year.

Yom Kippur

Yom Kippur is the one religious occasion which is observed entirely in the synagogue. But the meal which precedes the fast of Erev Yom Kippur is intended to be a spiritual experience for the entire family. The meal is eaten early so that the family can be in the synagogue before sundown.

Following the *Birkat haMazon* — the grace after meals — the holiday candles are lit and the following blessings are recited:

Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh Haolam, asher kideshanu bemitzvotav vetzivanu lehadlik ner shel Yom HaKippurim.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us by The Commandments and has commanded us to kindle the Yom Kippur lights.

Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh Haolam, shebeheyenu vekiyemanu vehigyanu lazman hazeh.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has kept us in life, preserved us, and enabled us to reach this season.

Fasting

Although children are not obligated to fast until they are Bar/Bat Mitzvah age, it is a tradition that they do observe the fast in part, to the extent they are able.

Self-denial in food and other physical pleasures is part of the tradition of this "Sabbath of Sabbaths." However, Jewish law and tradition state that the maintenance of life and health is a prime religious duty. If a person is ill or weak, it is the obligation of the individual to consult a physician on the wisdom of fasting.

Memorial Lights

It is a custom to light a Memorial Light for the deceased in each family. Memorial Lights must be lit before the holiday candles are lit.

Blessing the Children

It is the tradition that before leaving for the Kol Nidre service parents bless their children by placing their hands on the head of each one. Such blessings are introduced by the following prayer, to which parents can add words of their own, appropriate for the age and needs of each child:

For Sons: May God make you a true,

faithful and honorable son of Israel, as were Ephraim and Menasseh, the sons of Joseph.

For Daughters: May God make you a faithful and honorable daughter of Israel, as were our mothers Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah.

Forgiveness

At this time, just before leaving the house to attend the Kol Nidre service, members of the family ask each other for forgiveness for the wrongs or the hurts they have done, knowingly or unknowingly, during the year.

IN OUR CONGREGATION

Shabbat Shuvah

The Sabbath that falls between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is called Shabbat Shuvah, from the Haftarah portion of that Sabbath which begins with the word Shuvah, meaning "return" (repent).

For the Hearing Impaired

Through the generosity of Mrs. Samuel Wimpfheimer, it is now possible for those who are hearing impaired to use head sets while attending services. Please inform the synagogue office if you wish to avail yourself of this convenience.

Tzedakah

As a caring community, congregants are asked to consider the needs of the synagogue at the Kol Nidre Appeal and the two social outreach programs which it supports year round: The Food Pantry and the Committee For The Homeless & Community Outreach.

Congregants are asked to respond as generously as possible to the Kol Nidre Appeal. The funds generated by this annual campaign help balance the annual budget of the synagogue which includes the religious school program and social service outreach programs.

The Food Pantry, operated by our high school students, supplies food packages to more than one hundred poor families in our neighborhood. The cost of this program is \$10 per family, per week. Let your heart dictate to you how you wish to support this important project.

The Committee For The Homeless & Community Outreach, in cooperation with an established and recognized social service agency, Women In Need, supplies bed/ bath/ kitchen linen gift packages to families who are moving from Women In Need shelters into their own apartments. The Committee also works in cooperation with the Metropolitan New York Coordinating Council on Jewish Poverty to help Soviet Jewish immigrants with their needs.

Our New High Holy Day Prayerbook

After more than 50 years of praying from a special edition of the *Silverman Mahzor*, which was prepared for Park Avenue Synagogue by our late Rabbi Milton Steinberg in the early 1940's, our congregation now has a wonderful new prayerbook which will be used for the first time for this year's Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services.

After many years of discussion by our Ritual Committee and extensive planning and collaboration by Rabbi David H. Lincoln and Cantor David Lefkowitz, we have a customized Park Avenue Synagogue edition of *Mahzor Hadash*, published by Prayerbook Press, to further enhance the meaningfulness of our High Holy Day services. This new *mahzor* is comfortable to hold and read from; it is very "user-friendly," with clear format and explanations, an unusually successful English translation that is gender-sensitive, and extensive transliterations of important congregational passages, responses and hymns.

This new edition of *Mahzor Hadash* is a modern version of the traditional mahzor. It contains a wealth of contemporary writings, poetry, and new prayers that relate to the

timeless themes of High Holy Day renewal and *teshuvah* (repentance). For the book to function in a thoroughly traditional sense as well, Rabbi Lincoln and Cantor Lefkowitz created a supplement that is bound to the mahzor, that contains most of the time-honored *piyyutim* (poetic hymns) and congregational responses so essential for participation in an authentic traditional manner.

These additional passages have been carefully edited and translated by our rabbi and cantor to be as effective as possible for our congregants. Poetic prayers have been visually formatted to clarify the phrases and rhyme schemes and, thereby, facilitate congregational chanting of these beautiful passages. During the past few months, Cantor Lefkowitz also has been composing new melodies for congregational singing, based on tradition, which carefully phrase the flow of the Hebrew in these poems.

We believe that our new mahzor will help considerably to enhance the High Holy Days in our synagogue for many decades to come, and to serve the needs of congregants from many diverse backgrounds and levels of experience.

Hashkama Services Will Resume on Sukkot, September 28

Beginning with the first day of Sukkot on Saturday morning, September 28 and continuing on Shabbat mornings and Festivals thereafter, a Hashkama Service, an early morning service at which the entire Torah portion is read, will be held *every* Saturday and Festival holiday morning from 7:30 to 9 A.M. (except on Saturday, October 5 and Sunday, October 6 when the service will begin at 7:00 A.M.). These services will be followed by kiddushim sponsored by Mr. Bernard Goldberg in memory of his father, Morris Jacob Goldberg.

FOR SUKKOT SEPTEMBER 27

**Order Your Lulav & Etrog Sets
From the Judaica Classics Gallery**

Call either 831-4500
or through the synagogue office
369-2600

Place your orders by September 21
Cost: \$55

Rabbi Stern (continued from page 3)

Theological Seminary's College of Jewish Studies, graduating both cum laude and with distinction from each one, respectively, in 1976, obtained a master's degree in Judaica and the Zubow Award in Codes in 1979, and two years later was ordained as a rabbi by the Seminary, from which he received the Citron Scholastic Prize which is awarded to the highest ranking graduate.

In addition, Rabbi Stern attended a year-long program in pastoral counseling at Case Western Reserve University's School of Medicine to supplement his rabbinic education.

Besides the myriad religious, pastoral, teaching and administrative duties of a rabbi, he comes to us with broad experience as the result of his involvement in the Jewish communities and rabbinic associations for which he served, and has been active on interfaith councils in those communities.

He is married to Suzanne Rose, M.D., and is the father of Zachary, 11, and Isadora, 6.

We warmly welcome Rabbi Kenneth Stern and his family to our congregation and look forward to our future relationships with him.

Cantor Yaacov Ephron

Park Avenue Synagogue's new assistant cantor, Yaacov Ephron, joined the staff of the synagogue's clergy this past July.

A 1988 graduate of Northeastern Illinois University, with a B.F.A. degree in music and Jewish studies, Cantor Ephron taught B'nai Mitzvah Jewish and Israeli music at two congregations in the Chicago area. While at Northeastern he met



Cantors Jeffrey Klepper and Morton Pliskin who influenced him to pursue a career in Hazzanut at The Jewish Theological Seminary.

The love of Hazzanut comes to him from his father who often serves as the cantor at Beth Yair Synagogue in Nes-Tziona, Israel where Yaacov grew up.

Cantor Ephron served at Tifereth Israel Synagogue in Des Moines, Iowa, his first position after graduating from The Jewish Theological Seminary in May, 1995.

He is engaged to Debbie Oberlander and is happy to be back in New York.


We warmly welcome Cantor Ephron to our congregation and look forward to our association with him.

One More Minyan – The Alternative High Holy Days Service

Park Avenue Synagogue again will be hosting *One More Minyan*, an alternative service for the High Holy Days. This service, an interesting blend of informal and participatory worship and study to appeal primarily to young men and women in their 20's and 30's, will be facilitated by Gil Steinlauf, a rabbinical student at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

This service will be held in the Appleman Chapel on the following dates and times:

- First day of Rosh Hashanah - Saturday, September 14 at 10 A.M.
- Second day of Rosh Hashanah - Sunday, September 15 at 10 A.M.
- Kol Nidre - Sunday evening, September 22 at 6:30 P.M.
- Yom Kippur - Monday morning, September 23 at 10 A.M.



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Notes from the Edmond de Rothschild Library

The library will reopen at 3 P.M. on Monday, September 9. Please return all summer book loans. Please note **the library's newly extended hours: open every weekday until 6:30 P.M.** (instead of 6 P.M.) so that parents can bring their children in after religious school to borrow books!

A special exhibit of High Holy Day and Simhat Torah books, mostly juvenile books, will be on display and available for circulation.

New Books:

Archer: *The Fourth Estate*

Gellman: *Tamar's Sukkah* (Juvenile)

Kushner: *Invisible Lines of Connection*

Rosenfeld: *A Legacy Recorded*

Roth: *From Bondage*

Yehoshua: *Open Heart*

The library staff wishes all members of the congregation a Healthy and Happy New Year!

Rose Rudich, Freda Leinwand,
Susan Vogelstein
Librarians

September in the Mazer School of Religious Studies

Welcome back and Shana Tovah! A year of exciting programs and events awaits us. New and revised curricula consisting of the best material available in Jewish education will be offered since five of the school's teachers participated in the CAJE conference at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, at which they acquired new and exciting ideas.

The following events will take place in the elementary school during the month of September:

- Monday, September 9 - the first day of school.
- Rosh Hashanah - Saturday and Sunday, September 14 and 15 - school services will be held from 10:30 A.M. to 12 Noon.
- Saturday, September 21 - a Gimel grade Parent/Student "Together" Program will take place from 9 to 11 A.M. in Room 308.
- Erev Yom Kippur - Sunday, September 22 - Kol Nidre services for the school will be held from 6:30 to 8 P.M.
- Yom Kippur - Monday, September 23 - school services will be held from 10:30 A.M. to 12 Noon.
- Saturday, September 28, Sukkot, services will be held from 10 to 11 A.M. in the Appleman Chapel.

You are cordially invited to have DINNER IN THE RITTER SUKKAH Friday, September 27 through Thursday, October 3

All reservations are pre-paid and non-refundable. In case of rain, dinner will be served on the Lower Level. Cost \$25 per person; \$10 each for children under 8 years of age. Please fill out, cut out, and return the reservation form below, marking the dinner(s) you will be attending, with your check made payable to Park Avenue Synagogue **IMMEDIATELY!**

RESERVATION FORM

Please check appropriate Sukkah Dinner(s):

1) Friday, September 27 at 7 P.M.	#Adults _____	#Children Under 8 _____
Congregational Shabbat Sukkah Dinner		Total \$ _____ Over 8 _____
2) Saturday, September 28 at 6:30 P.M.	#Adults _____	#Children Under 8 _____
hosted by the Men's Club		Total \$ _____ Over 8 _____
3) Sunday, September 29 at 6:30 P.M.	#Adults _____	#Children Under 8 _____
hosted by the Sisterhood		Total \$ _____ Over 8 _____
4) Monday, September 30 at 6:30 P.M.	#Adults _____	#Children Under 8 _____
hosted by the Women's Evening Group		Total \$ _____ Over 8 _____
5) Tuesday, October 1 at 6:30 P.M.	#Adults _____	#Children Under 8 _____
hosted by Park Avenue Synagogue		Total \$ _____ Over 8 _____
6) Wednesday, October 2 at 6:30 P.M.	#Adults _____	#Children Under 8 _____
hosted by the Nursery School Parents' Assoc.		Total \$ _____ Over 8 _____
7) Thursday, October 3 at 6:30 P.M.	#Adults _____	#Children Under 8 _____
hosted by the Mazer Religious School Parents' Assoc.		Total \$ _____ Over 8 _____
Total Amount of Check Enclosed _____		Grand Total \$ _____

Name _____
(please print clearly)

Address _____

Telephone No. _____
(day) (evening)

Help Decorate the Ritter Sukkah

Also, come help decorate the Ritter Sukkah! The more the better! It takes many hands to do the job and everyone is invited to join in the fun. If you are able to, pick a bouquet of flowers. Hang them upside down. They will dry out by themselves. Bring them to the synagogue and we will hang them when we decorate on Wednesday and Thursday, September 25 and 26 from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M., and Friday, September 27 from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. Let us know when you will be able to help. You will be performing a mitzvah! Please fill out the volunteer form below, cut it out and return it to Park Avenue Synagogue **IMMEDIATELY!**

VOLUNTEER FORM

I want to help decorate the Ritter Sukkah. I can come on:

<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, September 25 Time _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, September 26 Time _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday, September 27 Time _____	

Name _____
(please print clearly)

Telephone No. _____
(day) (evening)

Cantor Lefkowitz Releases New C.D. Recordings

A new album of two compact discs has been produced entitled, "A Spiritual Journey: The Transforming Song of Yom Kippur," which captures for posterity the beautiful music and emotional drama of Park Avenue Synagogue's Yom Kippur Services.

Disc one, "Gateway to Renewal," has all the important highlights of Kol Nidre Eve and Yom Kippur Day, while disc two, "Passage through the Gates," contains the complete N'ilah Service, with the thrilling spiritual atmosphere of that unique closing service of Yom Kippur. Together, these two discs, totaling two hours and forty minutes of varied musical styles from many different periods, document the musical power of the Yom Kippur experience in our synagogue.

The discs come in a beautifully decorated album, complete with descriptive notes and explanations of the prayers and music.

To purchase and enjoy this album in preparation for the High Holy Days, please send your check for \$32.50, made payable to the "Park Avenue Synagogue Recording Fund," to the synagogue office.

This Yom Kippur album is the first in a planned series of important recordings to be produced by Cantor Lefkowitz through the Nathan B. Kogan Library of Jewish Liturgical Classics. This long-term project has been endowed through the efforts and generosity of Dr. Michael S. Kogan and his family as a living memorial to Nathan Kogan, who was a distinguished judge, officer and trustee of the Park Avenue Synagogue, an active leader and supporter of The Jewish Theological Seminary, and a great admirer of our synagogue's musical leadership.

Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends its heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and to their families. To:

Mrs. Reba Buxbaum, upon the death of her husband, Edward Buxbaum.

Mr. & Mrs. Lee Florence, upon the death of their son, Michael Florence.

Mr. Milton Gelman, upon the death of his father, Abraham Gelman.

To the family of the late Etta Goldstein.

Dr. Julie Krewer, upon the death of her mother, Elsa Silberstein Krewer.

Mrs. Elaine Polson, upon the death of her husband, Saul Polson.

Mr. Joseph Rosenberg, upon the death of his mother, Helen Rosenberg.

Mr. Leif Rosenblatt, upon the death of his wife, Melinda Rosenblatt.

Mrs. Alice Shapiro, upon the death of her sister, Lillian Gussow.

To the family of the late Barbara Stevenson.

To the family of the late Henrietta Toubin.

Mrs. Sylvia Press, upon the death of her sister, Sarah Weiss.

Mrs. Laurie Zacharias, upon the death of her husband, Henry Zacharias.

Sixth Book by Rabbi Nadich

A new book by Rabbi Judah Nadich has been accepted by Jason Aronson Publishers for publication next spring. Its working title is *Rabbi Akiba and His Friends*. It contains the stories and legends told about Rabbi Akiba, who is called "the father of Rabbinic Judaism," and his colleagues who were active during the first half of the second century: men like Rabbi Ishmael, Rabbi Tarfon, the fascinating heretic – Rabbi Elisha ben Abuyah – about whom the late Rabbi Milton Steinberg wrote a delightful novel and others. The book tells the anecdotes about these leaders, who lived during the Jewish revolt against the Romans led by Bar Kokhba, and their moral and ethical teachings.

The sources used by Rabbi Nadich include the Babylonian Talmud, the Palestinian Talmud, the Tosefta, the Mekhilta, the Sifrei, the Sifra, the Pesikta, Midrash Rabbah, Midrash Tanhuma and later midrashim.

Earlier books by Rabbi Nadich include: *Eisenhower and the Jews*; *Jewish Legends of the Second Commonwealth*; and *The Legends of the Rabbis* (2 Volumes). He also translated and edited *The Flowering of Modern Hebrew Literature* by this late father-in-law, Menachem Ribalow, and edited a volume of essays by the late Louis Ginzberg called *Al Halakhah ve-Aggadah*.

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The following events will take place in the high school during September:

- Sunday, September 8 - the high school students will clean a synagogue on the Lower East Side in preparation for Rosh Hashanah, a mitzvah of "*Gemilut Hasadim*" that the students do every year.

- Wednesday, September 11 - Orientation and registration for the 8th grade will take place from 4 to 5 P.M., while registration for all other grades will take place from 5 to 6:30 P.M.

- Wednesday, September 18 - the first day of classes.

Congratulations

Park Avenue Synagogue extends a hearty Mazal Tov to **Leah and Barrie Modlin** upon the marriage of their son, Avery, to Ellen Hose, early this month.

Contributions

Sarah I. Gelman Memorial Fund

Mrs. Evelyn Gelman, in honor of her birthday.

Evelyn & Milt Gelman, in honor of Albert Sussman's 80th birthday.

Evelyn & Milt Gelman, in honor of Hannah Ascheim, granddaughter of Joanne & Mort Davis.

Evelyn & Milt Gelman, in honor of Julio and David, in recognition of their outstanding service to Park Avenue Synagogue.

Mrs. Evelyn Gelman, in memory of her father, Frederick E. Goldstein.

Mrs. Marian Levitt, congratulating Evelyn and Milt Gelman upon the marriage of their daughter Melissa.

Clara Hammel Memorial Library Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph DeLateur, in memory of Clara Hammel.

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Dr. Leslie Hammel, in memory of Matthew Nevai.

Dr. Leslie Hammel, in memory of Dr. Imre Simor.

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Mrs. Yolie Nanasi, in memory of Clara Hammel.

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel A. Newcomb, in memory of Clara Hammel.

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Sandra & Herman Rosen, in honor of the birth of Harry Charles, son of Bari & Martin Kaye.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS for SEPTEMBER 1996

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 8 A.M. Talmud on Tuesday Morning 1 P.M. Retirees Group	4 7:30 P.M. Sherr Institute Lecture: "Jewish-Christian Relations"	5 10 A.M.-2 P.M. CPR Course for Nursery School Parents' Association Teachers	6 6:15 P.M. Friday Night Service Light Candles 7:01 P.M.	7 9:15 A.M. Shabbat Service 9:15 A.M. Havurah Service 11:15 A.M. Tot Shabbat Bat Mitzvah of Julie Cohen 6 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study 10 P.M. Selihot Service
8 9:30 A.M.-2 P.M. Hebrew Crash Course	9 7-9 P.M. Hebrew Crash Course	10 8 A.M. Talmud on Tuesday Morning 1 P.M. Retirees Group 7-9 P.M. Hebrew Crash Course	11	12	13 5:45 P.M. Service Erev Rosh Hashanah Light Candles 6:49 P.M.	14 8:30 A.M. Service First Day of Rosh Hashanah 5:45 P.M. Service Light Candles 7:51 P.M.
15 8:30 A.M. Service Second Day of Rosh Hashanah	16	17 8 A.M. Talmud on Tuesday Morning 1 P.M. Retirees Group	18	19	20 6:15 P.M. Friday Night Service Light Candles 6:37 P.M.	21 9:15 A.M. Shabbat Service Shabbat Shuvah 9:15 A.M. Havurah Service Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Jane Wilson 6 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study
22 1:30 P.M. Minhah Service 6:30 P.M. Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre Light Candles before Services	23 8:30 A.M. Service Yom Kippur 3 P.M. Yizkor Memorial Service	24 8 A.M. Talmud on Tuesday Morning 1 P.M. Retirees Group	25 4 P.M. Nursery School Parents' Association 7:15 P.M. Melamed Club	26 9:30 A.M. Beginners' Hebrew 10:45 A.M. Intermediate Hebrew	27 6:15 P.M. Friday Evening Service & Erev Sukkot Congregational Shabbat Sukkah Dinner Light Candles 6:25 P.M.	28 7:30 A.M. Hashkama Service 9:15 A.M. Service First Day of Sukkot Bat Mitzvah of Nina Tamar Edelman 5:45 P.M. Service 6:30 P.M. Men's Club Sukkah Dinner Light Candles 7:29 P.M.
29 7:30 A.M. Hashkama Service 9:15 A.M. Service Second Day of Sukkot 5:45 P.M. Service 6:30 P.M. Sisterhood Sukkah Dinner	30 6:30 P.M. WEG Sukkah Dinner	<div> <div> THE EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD LIBRARY Will reopen at 3 P.M. Monday, September 9. Extended hours: Monday - Thursday until 6:30 P.M. </div> <div> REMEMBER THE DAILY MINYANIM Monday - Friday at 7:15 A.M. Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9 A.M. Sunday - Thursday at 5:45 P.M. Saturday at 6 P.M. </div> <div> JUDAICA CLASSICS GALLERY at Park Avenue Synagogue Schedule of Hours: Tuesday 11 A.M. - 5 P.M. Thursday 12 Noon - 6 P.M. and by appointment </div> </div>				

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High School Food Pantry

Mrs. Miriam Brown, in honor of her birthday.
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Mrs. Mimi Goldfinger, in memory of her uncle, Benjamin I. Livingston.
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Mrs. Mimi Goldfinger, in memory of her brother, Marvin A. Livingston.
Mrs. Helen Hahn, in honor of the recovery of Charlotte Kleinwecksler.
Mrs. Helen Hahn, in honor of Judge & Mrs. Louis Kaplan's 50th wedding anniversary.
Mrs. Isidor Hahn, in honor of her birthday.
Mrs. Isidor Hahn, in memory of her husband, Isidor Hahn, and her mother, Bertha Hausman.
Susan & Leon Heller, in honor of Mrs. Ramie Silbert's being awarded a doctoral degree, honoris causis, by Technion University.
Mrs. Ruth Kantor, in honor of her birthday.
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Mr. & Mrs. David Freedberg, in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary.
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Mrs. Mimi I. Goldfinger, in memory of her mother, Sarah H. Livingston.
Mrs. Ethel Keenan, in honor of Helen Hahn's 90th birthday.
Ms. Doris Moss, in honor of the Bar and Bat Mitzvah of Larry and Daniella Genet, son and daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Genet.
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Ronnie & David Parker, in honor of their wedding anniversary.
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